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In re application of  
Darrell A. Poirier  
Application No. 09/676,328  
Filed: 29 September 2000  
For: **SYSTEM FOR TRANSFERRING  
PERSONALIZED MATTER  
FROM ONE COMPUTER TO  
ANOTHER**

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Examiner: CHAWAN  
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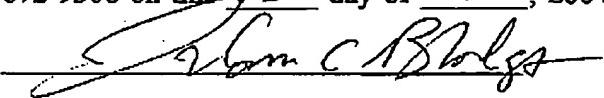
**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF HOLDING OF  
NON-PROPER REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF 23 JANUARY 2003**

Sir:

In reply to the Patent Office letter mailed 26 February 2004 in this case, it is confirmed that the application was (expressly) abandoned on 23 January 2004. However, a properly reply, constituting a new, separately filed continuing application was filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) on the same day. In accordance with the Commissioner's Notice of May 13, 1983 and long standing practice, it is believed that a new continuing application under Rule

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§3(b) was proper reply to the outstanding Office action in lieu of a response under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (1031 TMOG 6-7). The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and acknowledge the propriety of the reply.

An excerpt from the Notice appears below, which is believed to accurately reflect Office policy.

(Beginning of excerpt)"This notice is intended to clarify the requirements for a response as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.137 in situations involving a petition for extension of time or a petition to revive an abandoned application for the purpose of filing a continuing application.

"In those instances where an extension of time or a revival of an abandoned application is sought solely for the purpose of filing a continuing application under 35 U.S.C. 120 and where the prior application is to be abandoned in favor of the continuing application, the filing of a response is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.111, 1.113, 1.192 or other regulations is considered to be an unnecessary expenditure of resources by the applicant. Accordingly, in these situations, the Patent and Trademark Office will accept the filing of a continuing application as a response under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 or 1.137.

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Should any fees other than those specifically provided for be necessary to respond to this request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our deposit account number 02-2838. However, we reserve the right to contest such necessity and would prefer to be informed in advance of an intention to charge the account.

In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss this matter further, the Examiner is invited to contact Attorney/Agent of Record Gerry A. Blodgett or Thomas C. Blodgett, Worcester, Massachusetts office at (508) 753-5533 for a telephone interview.

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